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The fall maneuvers of Soviet Army units at reinforced division and army level which had already started in late September 1953 continued until, and terminated in, the first half of October. They represented the final phase of the summer training period which coincided with the transfer to the training grounds of the majority of Soviet units in late April 1953. As with regard to time they nearly coincided with the 1952 final maneuvers there is reason for believing that the training schedule has generally been fulfilled in spite of the June riots. About 20 October 1953, the Soviet units with some exceptions returned to the posts and quarters they had occupied during the winter of 1952/1953. The return of troops to the garrisons was followed by the discharge of the 1930 and, possibly, also 1931 classes and coincided with the arrival from the USSR of recruits of the 1934 class. There was a vague indication that, during this exchange process, Soviet women who had been inducted into units of the GDR in 1951 were sent back to the USSR, which may result in the possibility of re-employment of German labor with the troops.

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Order of Battle.

1. Reports received during the period from 1 October to 1 November 1953 concerning the following units:

a. GDR Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GORG).

Hq 1st Army Corps	RATHENOW	August	25X1
18th How Artz Brig (US)	RATHENOW	September	
4th AT Artz Brig (US)	PRORA	September	
3d Gds AT Artz Brig	ROSTOCK	October	

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b. Eighth Guards Army.

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Army Hq		WEIMAR-NOHRA	August	25X1
120th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt		ORDRUP	July	
Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div		JENA	August	
172d Gds How Arty Regt		JENA	June	
94th Gds RL Regt (US)		LEIPZIG-- SCHOENAU	September	
655th How Arty Regt		NAUMBURG	June	
Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div		HALLE	August	

c. Third Shock Army.

Army Hq	-	MAGDEBURG	August	25X1
63d Gds Mecz Regt		MAGDEBURG	April	25X1
112th Mtrcl Bn		MAGDEBURG	October	
199th Gds Gun Arty Regt		WISMAR	October	
59th Mecz Regt		LUDWIGSLUST	October	
1054th How Arty Regt		PERLEBERG (?)	October	
32d RL Bn (US)	?	PERLEBERG (?)	October	

d. First Guards Mechanized Army.

4th Gds AAA Div	-	KOENIGSERUECK	October	25X1
Hq 8th Gds Mecz Div		GRIMMA	August	25X1
358th Gds AAA Regt		LEISNIG	October	
286th Engr Bn (US)		RIESA	October	
Hq 11th Gds Tank Div		DRESDEN-KLOTZSCHE	August	25X1
44th Gds Tank Regt		KOENIGSERUECK	August	25X1

e. Second Guards Mechanized Army.

2d Light Arty Brig (US)	-	DOEFERITZ	October	25X1
90th Gds RL Regt (US)		SCHOENWALDE	August	25X1
226th Mort Regt		NEURUPPIN	October	
205th Engr Bn		GENTZRODE	September	
59th Tank Tnp Bn (US)		NEURUPPIN	October	

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f. Third Guards Mechanized Army.

Army Hq		FORST ZIEMPA	August	25X1
77th Motor Trans Bn		TEUPITZ	July	
91st Gds RL Regt		LUCKENWALDE	October	
Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div		JUNTERPOG	August	
Hq 6th Gds Tank Div		WITTENBERG	September	
Hq 7th Gds Tank Div		ROSSLAU	September	
Hq 9th Mecz Div		COTTBUS	September	

g. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army.

Army Hq	-	UBERSWALDE	August	25X1
35th Gds Mecz Regt		BERNAU	October	25X1
93d Tank Regt		FREIENWALDE	August	
676th How Arty Regt		BERNAU	October	
240th Gds Mort Regt		UBERSWALDE	October	
120th (?) AAA Regt		BERNAU	October	
52d Gds FL Bn		BERNAU	October	
22d Gds Engr Bn		BERNAU	October	
33d Gds Sig Bn		BERNAU	October	
34th Tank Tng Bn		BERNAU	October	
A Motor Trans Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div		BERNAU	October	25X1
Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div		FUERSTENWALDE	August	25X1
25th Gds Mecz Regt		FRANKFURT/Oder	September	
84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt		FRANKFURT/Oder	May	
111th Tank Regt		VOGELSANG	October	
162d Tank Regt		GRANIENBURG or BOHLENANG	October	
20th Mtz Rifle Regt		PRENZLAU	October	
A Tank Tng Bn of the 25th Tank Div		GRANIENBURG	October	
A Motor Trans Bn of the 25th Tank Div		GRANIENBURG	October	

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63d Gds Tank Regt		KRAITNITZ		October
299th Gds Mort Regt		KRAITNITZ		October
248th Gds RL Bn		KRAMPNITZ		October
131st Gds Ingr Bn		KRAMPNITZ		October

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Fall Maneuvers.

2. The fall maneuvers in the Soviet Zone of Germany, which, according to reports received in late September 1953, started about 23 September, lasted until 15 October and were conducted at separate areas and different times. Comprehensive information on shipments to and from the maneuver area furnished a rather clear picture of the units which participated, as well as the time and direction of the exercises. Strict security measures, however, made impossible a coverage of the training areas, leaving only individual observations and coverage of traffic as a basis for conclusions on the course of the maneuvers. Consequently, no definite statements can be made as to the status of training of headquarters organs and troops. Since, however, the maneuvers almost coincided with the 1952 final maneuvers, it can be assumed that the training program set for the summer period of 1953 has generally been fulfilled, although it had been interrupted by the June riots.

Upon evaluation of all available material, it can be assumed that, contrary to 1952, only one final maneuver at reinforced division level, was conducted in the area of each of the four mechanized armies, with small contingents of the other divisions of the armies participating possibly as enemy group. Only in the areas of the two rifle armies were major fall maneuvers observed. They were conducted at corps level at different times but in about the same area with the Third Shock Army, ^{and} at army level, probably with all army units participating with the Eighth Gds Army. The limitation of training activity within the mechanized armies may to some extent have been made to secure the potato and beet crop, as troop movements had done considerable damage to the fields and the farmers had been forbidden to work in their fields during the large-scale exercises in the preceding years. The following supplementary details on the fall maneuvers became known:

a. First Gds Mecz Army Area.

There were some indications of a major exercise starting in the RIESA-MUEHLBERG-ELSTERWERDA-GROSSENHAIN area about 27 September, which may have been extended as far as the area just west of KONIGSERUECK where it terminated about 30 September. Individual observations and observations on railroad shipments indicated that the maneuver involved the 9th Tank Div from ZEITHAIN, probably reinforced by army troops of the First Gds Mecz Army, as well as definitely the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 3th Gds Mecz Div from WURZEN and, presumably, some units of the 11th Gds Tank Div. The exercise completed, the 9th Tank Div returned to ZEITHAIN and the elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div to WURZEN.

b. Second Gds Mecz Army Area.

On the evening of September, the 9th Gds Tank Div left its post in NEUSTRELITZ, NEUBRANDENBURG and the barracks installation at Kastaven Lake near FUERSTENBERG for an assembly area west and southwest of NEUSTRELITZ. The division was reinforced by elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) from the summer camp at SPECK and the 90th RL Regt (US), which arrived by rail in NEUSTRELITZ from SCHOENWALDE. During the night of September,

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this combat group started marching southward in no less than two columns, one marching toward RHEINSFELD via WUSTROW and one toward ZECHLIN via MIROW, with the westernmost column possibly touching the eastern sector of the SCHNEIDERICH troop training grounds. The movements terminated in the woods north and northwest of NEURUPPIN on 30 September. The troops returned to their posts in 28 shipments from the railroad stations of NETZEBAND, NEURUPPIN and ALTRUPPIN during the period from 30 September until 2 October. It could not definitely be established whether the 12th Gds Tank Div furnished an enemy party in the area north of NEURUPPIN.

c. Third Gds Mecz Army Area.

Following the June riots, the 6th Gds Tank Div rotated its units from the barracks installations in WITTEBERG to the BERDORF-MARKENDORF troop training grounds. Large movements of all branches of the division from the troop training grounds toward the south and from the post toward east on 21 September and corresponding return movements on 23 September led to the conclusion that the division conducted an exercise in the GLUCKS-BURG Forest area during that period.

d. Fourth Gds Mecz Army Area.

The 25th Tank Div terminated the summer training period with a large-scale exercise which started with an advance of troops from the TETLIN troop training grounds toward south about 2 October and ended in the area west of BERNAU on 4 October. The maneuver probably included a crossing under realistic conditions of the BERLIN-STETTIN Grossschiffahrtsweg (canal) south of GROSSHOENFICK with the enemy group in this area probably represented by the 6th Gds Mecz Div from BERNAU and EBERSWALDE, which latter returned to their posts by road. From 4 to 6 October, the 25th Tank Div in 18 rail shipments returned to the area of TETLIN and to HRENZLAU from the railroad stations of BERNAU, BUCH and ZEPFENICK; other units of the division left for OWANINNEBURG by road.

e. Third Shock Army Area.

Contrary to the fall of 1952 in which all units of the army assembled for a combined exercise in the area on either side of the Elbe River, east of LETZLING HEATH, the two corps trained separately this year. The following exercises were discerned:

(1) IX Mtz Rifle Corps:

After being unloaded from no less than 26 troop trains at the GENTHIN, JERICHO and WUDICKE railroad stations between 24 and 27 September, the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, reinforced by corps troops including elements of the 4th Gds AT Arty Brig (US), the 10th Gds IL Regt and individual units of the 18th Mecz Div, assembled on the east bank of the Elbe River. Probably on 28 September, this combat element and units of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GONG from the AKA area launched an attack along either side of JERICHO via the Elbe River toward the west against an enemy formed by the 10th Gds Tank Div and about one third of the 7th Gds Tank Div and established between the river and the eastern border of LETZLING HEATH. The tank units were supported by small elements of the 63d AAA Div (US) and 71st Light Arty Brig (US) and, probably also army troops of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The exercises terminated on 30 September, probably in the northeastern sector of LETZLING HEATH. The return movement was made from the railroad stations of STEN AL, LANGER WENDE, DEMMER, TANGELHUETTE and PAHLWINKEL and lasted until 6 October. It necessitated

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26 trains for the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, 36 trains for the 10th Gds Tank Div, which latter included 27 for KRAMNITZ and 9 for BRANDENBURG; and 12 trains for the units of the 7th Gds Tank Div. The bulk of this division returned to the billeting area directly from LETZLING HEATH in about 24 shipments.

(2) LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps.

Almost all elements of the corps which participated in the field exercise held in the area mentioned in paragraph (1) from about 8 to 12 October, because of the short distance assembled by road from the camps of LETZLING HEATH. Only the 597th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div from QUEDLINBURG had already been transferred to JAEVENITZ in three rail shipments on 26 September and armored elements of the division from there directly to the training area of JERICHO in two rail shipments on 8 October. The attack from the assembly area east of LETZLING HEATH, contrary to that launched by the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, was made from west to east with an Elbe River crossing near BUCH and against only small enemy parties on the east bank of the river. The units reached their posts by road upon completion of the maneuver.

f. Eighth Gds Army Area.

During the first days of October, preparations such as the departure of GOFG signal units from WUENSDORF and the POTSDAM area to WEIMAR and JENA had already indicated that large-scale maneuvers would be held in Thuringia. The bulk of the units of the army, heavy elements of the IV Arty Corps and the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG from AKEN started arriving in the area south of WEIMAR and in the Saale River valley southwest of JENA about 8 October and had assembled by 12 October. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made it very difficult to identify the army units participating. See also paragraph 8. Since strict security measures including the blocking of the entire area made any approach of the training area impossible, only fragmentary information could be obtained on the course of the exercise. It is safe to assume, however, that the maneuver, which started on 13 October, was directed from east to west, i.e. from the area west of the Saale River between JENA and RUDOLSTADT and as far as the OHRDRUF troop training grounds. It cannot yet be decided, however, whether two parties with full elements were employed in the maneuver, one, according to the main march movements, being the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps reinforced by army artillery and engineer troops of the GOFG as attacking party west of the Saale River and the other, as enemy party, the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, which assembled around BAD BERKA and withdrew toward west during the combat action, or whether the two corps attacked from east to west side by side. The way of employment of the strong flying elements of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army, which included 7 fighter and 5 GA regiments would favor the latter assumption. The maneuver terminated at noon on 15 October. The units involved subsequently returned to their garrisons by rail from the OHRDRUF-ERFURT-AMNSTADT area, with the return movement lasting until 19 October.

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3. These fall maneuvers at reinforced division and army level during the first half of October were paralleled by numerous small exercises within the divisions at troop training grounds, in the vicinity of the training grounds or near the military posts. The time until the final return movements from the troop training grounds was filled with combat firing by weapons of all kinds. Except for TEMPLIN and FORST TAUER, see paragraph 4, and WEISSWASSER, where combat

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firing was conducted by rotation until the end of October, the troop training grounds were vacated by all army units, with only guard details remaining. Returned to their posts, the troops were engaged in maintenance work on vehicles, weapons and equipment. Not before the arrival of the new contingents of recruits in November 1953 will regular winter training start. See also paragraph 5.

Change of Quarters.

4. The following changes of quarters were inferred from observations after the return of the units from the troop training grounds and from other information received during the period under review:

a. Area of the 18th Mecz Div. The 1054th How Arty Regt, the 592d Art Regt (US) and the 32d RL Bn (US), previously stationed in LUDWIGS-LUST, were quartered in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in PENLEBERG upon completion of the training at the SCHWEINRICH troop training grounds.

b. Area of the 25th Tank Div. The completion of some of the new barracks installations in Camp VOGELSANG at the TEMPLIN troop training grounds, the reoccupation of the restricted WEISSE STADT settlement in ORANIENBURG and the identification of troop units in PRENZLAU result in the following new picture of the quartering of units of the division:

The 219th (?) AAA Regt, the 33d Mtrcl Bn, the 16th (?) Gds RL Bn, the 194th Engr Bn, the unidentified signal battalion; and, presumably, also the division headquarters in the restricted WEISSE STADT in ORANIENBURG.

The unidentified tank training battalion and the unidentified motor transport battalion in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, ORANIENBURG.

The 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt in the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse, PRENZLAU.

The 175th Tank Regt, the 20th Ptz Rifle Regt, the unidentified artillery regiment and the unidentified mortar regiment in the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse, PRENZLAU.

The 111th Tank Regt in the new barracks installation at VOGELSANG.

The quarters of the 162d Tank Regt which had been stationed in ORANIENBURG until March 1953 could not yet be determined.

c. Area of the 9th Mecz Div. The 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt and the 1719th AAA Regt of the division, whose quarters had been turned over to the Volkspolizei in the summer of 1953, remained at Camp FORST TAUER, probably because the new barracks installations east of DRACHHAUSEN, north of COTTBUS will be ready for occupation only in the course of November 1953. Definite information on the quartering of units of the division will, therefore, be obtained only after the occupation of the installation at DRACHHAUSEN. Other information indicated, however, that, on ☐ October, the heavy tank SP regiment moved into quarters just south of Camp ZOSSEN near WUENSDORF, which had recently been constructed. Confirmatory information must be obtained.

d. BRANDENBURG Post. During the night of ☐ October, the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div left the Pionier Kaserne in BRANDENBURG and transferred to the Kavallerie Schule in KRAMENITZ, which quartered the bulk of the division for years. Three troop trains carrying units of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) of the Third Shock Army at the same time went from BRANDENBURG to MAGDEBURG. There is the possibility that quarters for the KVP were to be made available in BRANDENBURG.

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Exchange of Personnel.

5. The exchange of personnel which has for some time been apparent, started in mid-October 1953. The departure of discharges coincided with the arrival of recruits from the USSR. Processing and distributing centers were again established in WELFAR, MAGDEBURG, RATHENOW, NEURUPPIN, IAD FREYENALDE, FRANKFURT/Oder, JUSTERTOG and DRESDEN (or REISSER ?). Shuttle trains employed in the exchange movement from the Soviet Zone to the railroad stations of GERDAUEN, FREST LITOVSK and YAGODIN-KOVEL at the Polish-Russian border had

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FRANKFURT/Oder and GUBEN. Although no definite information is available, it can be assumed that members of the 1930 class and, so far as they were inducted in 1950, also members of the 1931 class are being discharged. The majority of the recruits probably belong to the 1934 class.

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6. There were some indications that Soviet women who have served with the troops since 1951 were also discharged during the exchange program. This measure may have been taken to avert unwanted influence upon these women of high western living standards and/ or save the allegedly rather high pay they received, which, after the announcement that the costs of the occupation would be taken over by the Soviets, may no longer be justified. The Soviet women are probably to be replaced by cheap German labor as had already been reported from some of the posts.
7. The permission to leave quarters given to Soviet officers and EM in the summer of 1953 was limited and, in some instances, even withdrawn during the last weeks, as a result of the numerous excesses toward the German population and Soviet superiors.

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Transportation.

10. During the reporting period, the traffic situation of the East German Railroads was rather critical and was characterized by a shortage of rolling stock and partly also locomotives resulting from the necessity of handling a peak traffic connected with harvest shipments, increased coal shipments and an increased traffic for the Occupation Power. During the months under review, Soviet troop units returned to their military posts from troop training grounds and maneuvers; also, the rotation of personnel involving the return to the USSR of discharged personnel and the arrival of new recruits had started.
11. The coal situation was rather critical. On 10 October, coal stocks available represented only four days' requirements or only 20 to 25 percent of normal stocks. In late September, locomotives were converted from brown coal to hard coal firing. No adequate hard coal stocks were available, however, as hard coal imports from Poland and the USSR were inadequate to cover current requirements and no gondola cars were available because they were needed for the handling of harvest shipments. Since, on the other hand, the delivery of brown coal briquettes to the East German Railroads had been suspended and the coal previously delivered to the railroad administration was furnished to the East German economy, there was a sudden decrease of coal stocks to an extremely low level. It is expected that only gradually will this situation improve. The daily coal consumption quotas fixed for October 1953 amount to 21,400 tons for locomotives and 1,780 tons for consumption in railroad shops.
12. Traffic via border stations along the Oder-Neisse line and to and from Czechoslovakia increased. The following features of this traffic were noteworthy:
- a. The arrival of armored personnel carriers, rocket launchers, motor vehicles and prime movers for artillery units. See paragraph 15 of this report.
 - b. The annual rotation of Soviet personnel was started on 14 October. See paragraph 5 of the present report.
 - c. Imports of pig iron and iron ores for the USSR increased.
 - d. Coal imports from Poland increased. Coal imports at a minor level from the USSR started.
 - e. Imports of foodstuff from the USSR increased greatly.
 - f. Imports of bauxite from Hungary and crude oil from Austria continued at the previously observed rate.
 - g. Uranium ore deliveries to the USSR were normal.
13. The following information was obtained regarding railroad construction projects:
- a. Emergency operations were started on the Northwest Ring Berlin (Birkenwerder-Frieselang single-track section) on ☐ October 1953 after a construction time of 11 months. For the time being, the line

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section is only used by two pairs of express trains and some trains carrying usefully employed personnel. It is planned to construct a second track on this line by the end of this year. However, the realization of this project will depend on the delivery of rails by the USSR.

- b. On ☐ October, the reconstruction of the single-track GRAMBE-POZNAN-STANISLAWOWOJCIK railroad line was completed. The line also serves the KVP ammunition dump at KORNIGSSIA-DE-WOLFSRUH.
- c. By ☐ October, the dismantled second track of the LUGENWALDE-TRESELIN line section had been reconstructed. Thus, the BERLIN-HALLE main line is again double-track except for the short stretch between JOHANNESBOG and LUGENWALDE, which is expected to be double tracked by the end of November.
- d. Work on the replacement by a permanent structure of the temporary bridge over the Neisse River at POENI started in late September.

14. Miscellaneous.

- a. On ☐ October 1953, the ban on the sale of railroad tickets to railroad stations in the BERLIN district which had been imposed on 1 August 1953 was lifted.
- b. Within the framework of the reorganization of the railroad administration the Tank Car Distribution Point previously assigned to the Central Rolling Stock Administration was again made an independent office.
- c. For technical reasons, the locomotives of deactivated locomotive column No 9 were moved from KLINGEN, 10 kilometers west of POENI, to KERNOWITZ, 9 kilometers southwest of GUBEN.

Supply.

- 15. For the second time in 1953, supply traffic during the period under review exceeded the monthly average of 1,000 railroad carloads by 97 carloads. An evaluation of this supply traffic revealed that the delivery of armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars as well as rocket launchers, which began in May 1953, continued in September. During this month, weapons were again delivered to KVP units after a 18-month interruption. They received about 150 armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars. Until late September, a total of approximately 650 armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars and 330 rocket launchers were shipped from the USSR to East Germany. Deliveries of armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars to the KVP continued in October. Shipments of motor vehicles and auxiliary prime movers which increased in August continued at a higher rate in September. Shipments of ammunition, tank replacement parts and ration supplies were at a strikingly low level in September. Ammunition shipments appeared to increase again in October. They were assigned to the ammunition dumps at the troop training grounds, rather than ammunition depots. Intra-zonal supply traffic continued to be light during the reporting period and did not show any noteworthy features.

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16. In August, the army ration supply depot of the Fourth Gds Div Army moved from SPERSWALDE to TROFURT. The newly constructed ammunition depot of the 7th Gds Div in BAD SAAROW received 300 to 350 metric tons of ammunition in September.

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Reorganization of the KVP

17. The assumption, voiced in Monthly Report of September 1953, that the units of the KVP were being reorganized, has been fully verified by recent information:

- a. Disbandment. TV 5000 in SCHWERIN and TV 3000 in DRESDEN, as well as the Infantry Division PRORA, were disbanded and the two TVs were being reorganized into Bereitschaften i.e. divisions. Two infantry regiments of the Division PRORA transferred to GERA and WEISSWITZ and 1 infantry regiment to the ROSTOCK-SCHWERIN area. TV 4000 in PASSEWALK and TV 6000 in LEIPZIG were redesignated and at the same time, were assigned larger command areas. The cover numbers of the KVP units were abolished.
- b. New Organization. The organization of the KVP in the Soviet Zone in 4 TVs and the BERLIN district, with subordinate units of the Ministry of the Interior, was replaced by an organization in three military command areas of about equal sizes:
 - (1) The North Section with the TV 12 (Armeegruppe Nord) in PASSEWALK and its subordinate units, the infantry Bereitschaft in PRENNLAU, the mechanized Bereitschaft in EGGENSIN and the newly activated infantry Bereitschaft in SCHWERIN. The infantry Kommandos (regiments) of this Bereitschaft are stationed in SCHWERIN, STERNBUCHHOLZ and ROSTOCK, and the tank and artillery units in PRORA. The previous chief of TV 5000, Colonel Bleck, has become commanding officer of the Bereitschaft SCHWERIN.
 - (2) The Central Section, the high command of which is not yet known. The following units have, so far been activated: a mechanized Bereitschaft with the headquarters in POTSDAM, 3 mechanized Kommandos in ORANIENBURG, POTSDAM and HOHENSTUECKEN, tank units in BURG, and artillery and AAA units in GLOEVEN and KIRCHMOESER respectively. Colonels Krueger and Pilz are mentioned as commanding officers of this Bereitschaft. Colonel Pilz possibly, is scheduled to become commander of the Central Section. It is not impossible that two infantry Bereitschaften are to be activated and/or will later be activated in the Central Section.
 - (3) The South Section with the TV 24 (Armeegruppe Sued) in LEIPZIG, and its subordinate units, the mechanized Bereitschaft in DRESDEN and the infantry Bereitschaften in HALLE and ERFURT. The mechanized Bereitschaft DRESDEN was activated from the units of the former TV 3000. The three mechanized Kommandos are stationed in LOEBAU, FRANKENBERG and MARIENBERG, the tank units in SPREMBERG and the artillery and AAA units in ZITTAU. The infantry Kommandos of the Bereitschaft HALLE are stationed in HALLE, LEIPZIG, and WEISSWITZ, the tank units in ZITTAU and the artillery and AAA units presumably in HALLE, LEIPZIG and WEISSWITZ. The infantry Kommandos of the Bereitschaft ERFURT are stationed in MUEHLHAUSEN, GOETHA and GERA, the tank units presumably in GERA, and the artillery and AAA units in ERFURT and GOETHA.

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The previous chief of the disbanded IV 300, Major General Kurt Vogel, became commander of the IV 24 in IGIFZIG. At least 7 KVP Bereitschaften (divisions) are, at present, in existence. The subdivision in three sections of the Soviet Zone tends to indicate that three Armeegruppen with about the same organization, namely each 2 infantry Bereitschaften and 1 mechanized Bereitschaft, are to be formed. The total number of divisions may thus increase from 7 to 9. As, according to the previous organization, the activation of at least 12 divisions had been planned, the scheduled T/O appears to have been considerably reduced. Beginning in mid-September, the KVP was provided with motor vehicles and armored vehicles of types B1-C4 and B-3 from the USSR. The recruiting of regulars, in accordance with new directives, was intensified. It can thus be expected that the 7 to 9 divisions will be brought to their authorized strength, which would result in an increase, rather than a decrease of the potential strength.

Situation in BERLIN.

18. Prior to 10 October, the elements of the mechanized Bereitschaft EGGELIN employed in EAST BERLIN withdrew to the area north of FASEWALK. As no relief units arrived, the concentration of troops in BERLIN relaxed for the first time since the uprising in June. The elements of the KVP permanently stationed in BERLIN area were, however, considerably increased. The bulk of these units can at any time be moved to EAST BERLIN within a period of hours. It, therefore, is unnecessary to move KVP units there from distant parts of the zone or to permanently occupy EAST BERLIN. The regular guard duty in the sector has been taken over by the Einsatzbereitschaften of the EAST BERLIN police, which, during the last months, underwent reorganization and rearmament.

Training.

19. As in preceding years, KVP officers who were politically and technically especially qualified were again detached for instruction in a military academy in the USSR in the fall of 1953. Upon return to the Soviet Zone of Germany, they, like their predecessors will be assigned leading positions in the KVP to guarantee that the National Forces develop into a genuine satellite army after Soviet pattern in military as well as political respect. In September 1953, a number of KVP officers returned from the USSR after completion of training. They included Colonel Pilz, who, prior to September 1952, had been commanding officer of the Infanterie Division PRORA.
20. The first maneuvers of the KVP in the area of the Armeegruppe Nord which had been planned for the fall of 1953, were cancelled. The two reasons which account for this measure were first the fact that the training program had been interrupted and delayed by the uprisings in June, and major KVP units were subsequently employed in security measures in the BERLIN area during several months; and, second, the reorganization of KVP units and the resulting transfers of numerous units which took place during the maneuver months in September and October. Contrary to previous assumptions, the training of combined arms units, was, therefore, conducted only at reinforced battalion and regimental level. The improvements regarding tactics were, however,

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satisfactory during 1953 and resulted in a reduction of the number of Soviet instructors (Soviethiks) by about two thirds. KVP units are now considered sufficiently trained in the handling of Soviet weapons.

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Order of Battle.

21. The following Soviet units could be confirmed during the period under review:

Trade Agency of the
Hq CGF

Counter Intelligence
Office of the MVD CGF

59th Indep Sig Regt

Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div

44th Gds Mecz Regt

127th Tank Bn of the
44th Gds Mecz Regt

45th Gds Mecz Regt

Hq 95th Gds Mts Rifle
Div

284th Gds Mts Rifle Regt

233d Gds Gun Arty Regt

Hq 23d AAA Div

1336th AAA Regt

1342d AAA Regt

268th Gds (?) AAA Regt

4th Gds Mecz Regt of the
2d Gds Mecz Div

BADEN

BADEN

BADEN

MOEDLING

VIENNA

VIENNA

TRAIKIRCHEN

ST. POELTZ

EISENSTADT

MELK

KORNENBURG

KORNEUBURG

STOCKERAU

STOCKERAU

HUNGARY

A document dated August 1953 again confirms the subordination to the CGF of the 2d Gds Mecz Div stationed in Hungary. Another document dated August 1953 indicated Army General Biryukov as commander of the CGF. S.S. Biryukov, who has been carried as general and commander of the Coastal MD, would thus have succeeded Major General Sviridov.

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of October. After a motorised column of the 95th Gds Mts Rifle Div was seen returning to the ST. POULTE post from the DOELERSHEID training grounds on 14 October, it is assumed, that the other elements of the 95th Gds Mts Rifle Div and the 13th Gds Recs Div also returned to their posts after about mid-October.

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Present Location of Divisions and IndependentUnits in East Germany

(Last Date of Confirmation in Parenthesis)

<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Activity and Location</u>	
GOPG	6th Arty Div	Return of elements to RATHENOW from ALTENCRABOW in 5 shipments on 5/6 October; strong elements at maneuvers in Thuringia from 9 to 19 October; return to RATHENOW in 14 shipments.	
	34th Arty Div (US)	Return to POTSDAM from ALTENCRABOW of units in 4 shipments on 11/13 October; strong elements at maneuvers in Thuringia from 9 to 19 October in about 10 shipments.	
	25th RL Brig	Elements at maneuvers in Thuringia in 3 shipments from 11 to 18 October	
	3d Gds AT Arty Brig	At the post (<input type="checkbox"/> October)	25X1
	4th AT Arty Brig (US)	In the area of PRORA (late September)	
	2d Gds AAA Div	At the posts (mid-October)	
	6th Gds AAA Div (US)	At the post and in the uranium mining area (<input type="checkbox"/> October)	25X1
	32d AAA Div (US)	At the posts (<input type="checkbox"/> October)	25X1
	36th Pon Bridge Regt	Return by road to MAGDEBURG from the DESSAU area on <input type="checkbox"/> October	25X1
	U/1 Engr Regt	Arrival in ERFURURG of advance parties on <input type="checkbox"/> October; strong elements at maneuvers in Thuringia in 4 shipments from early October to <input type="checkbox"/> October; return to ERFURURG from the AKEN area of the tank unit in 1 shipment on 18 October	25X1 25X1

Eighth Gds Army

Note: Major elements of all units participated in the maneuver in the JENA-RUDOLSTADT-OHRDRUF area from 13 to 15 October. The units departed for the exercises on ☐ October and had returned to the posts by about 20 October.

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43d Gds Army
Arty Brig

Departure of major elements to the
maneuvers in Thuringia in about 4
shipments on ☐ October; departure
of rear elements for ALTEHPURM from
ALTEHPURM in 2 shipments on ☐ 25X1
October; return to the post on ☐ 25X1
October

38th Army
AT Arty BrigAt the post (☐ October)

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220th Hvy
Tank SP RegtAt the post (☐ October)

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19th Gds Engr Bn

At the post (about 20 October)

XXVIII Gds Mts Rifle Corps308th Arty Brig
(US)At the post ☐ October)

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316th RL Regt
(US)Presumably at the post after
20 October497th AAA Regt
(US)

Returned from WUSTROW to RUDOLSTADT
in 1 shipment and to JENA in 2
shipments, probably on 7 and 9
October

880th Engr Bn

Presumably at the post after
20 October39th Gds Mts
Rifle DivPresumably at the posts of GIEBICH
HEININGEN and HLAUEN after 20 October

20th Gds Mecs Div

At the posts of JENA, ZENTZ and
WEIMAR (after 20 October)XXIX Gds Mts Rifle Corps

76th Arty Brig (US)

Return to IERSEBURG from KINDEL about
7 October; at the post after
20 October

94th RL Regt (US)

Some of the elements at the post
in LEIPZIG-SCHONHAU (☐ October) 25X1

498th AAA Regt (US)

Elements at the post ☐ October) 25X1

U/i Engr Bn

Presumably at the post (20 October)

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57th Gds Mts Rifle Div At the posts of NAUMBURG, WEISSHOFELS, GÖTTA and LANGENSALZA (after 20 October)

21st Gds Mecs Div In HALLE (□ October) 25X1

Third Shock Army

Note: Maneuvers of units of the IX Mts Rifle Corps were conducted in the area of the northeastern sector of LETZLING HEATH and JERICHOV from 27 to 30 September and by units of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps from about 8 to 12 October.

36 Gds AAA Div Upon completion of the exercises: back at the post □ October) 25X1

44th Army Arty Brig Presumably at ALFENGRABOW (mid-October)

20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) Return of the brigade to BRANDENBURG from ALFENGRABOW in 2 rail shipments and by road on □ October; units participated in a maneuver of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps from 8 to 12 October; transfer to MAGDEBURG from BRANDENBURG of the heavy AT artillery regiment in 3 shipments on □ October 25X1

136th Gls Hvy Tank SP Regt Presumably participated in exercises of the corps; elements at the post on □ October 25X1

323d Engr Bn (US) returned to the post from BITTKAU in 1 shipment on □ October 25X1

IX Mts Rifle Corps

4th Gds AT Arty Brig (US)) Elements at exercises of the corps

10th Gds RL)

Regt)

U/1 AAA Regt Elements presumably at exercises of the corps

94th Gds Mts Rifle Div The bulk at the corps maneuvers. Again at the SCHWERIN, WIEHAR and HAGENOW posts in mid-October

13th Mecz Div Elements at the exercises of the corps; return of the division to the posts of PELLEBERG, PARCHIM, and LUDWIGSLUST from SCHWERIN from 10 to 16 October

engineer units of the corps Presumably returned to the posts from BITTKAU on □ October in 2 shipments 25X1

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304th Arty Brig }
(US)
41 AAA Regt }

The bulk at exercises of the corps;
return on ☐ October

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39th (?) RL
Regt (US)

At the post (☐ October) ; presumably
participated in the corps maneuvers

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300th Eng Regt

Frequently transferred to the post from
BETIKAU in mid-October

307th Htn Rifle Div

Upon completion of the exercises of the
Corps, back at the posts of STUPPA and
CARDELLEN after 15 October; elements
from QUEDLINBURG in the northern sector
of LENTLING HEATH and at corps exercises
from 26 September to 14 October in 3
shipments

19th Gds Mech Div

Assumed back at the posts of MAGDEBURG
and HILBERSLEBEN upon completion of the
corps exercises after 22 October;
engineer battalion presumably returned
to HILBERSLEBEN from BETIKAU in 1
shipment on ☐ October

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First Gds Mech Army

4th Gds AAA Div)
41 Arty Brig)

Presumably at KOENIGSBRUECK in mid-
October

41 Eng Regt

Presumably at the post (☐ October) 25X1

3th Gds Mech Div

Elements from WERZEN at practices in
the ZENTHAIN-KOENIGSBRUECK area in
3 shipments from 24 to 30 September
the bulk of the division returned to
the posts of GRUNTA, LEIBTIG, BOHNA
and EULENBURG from KOENIGSBRUECK
during the first half of October

9th Tank Div

Field exercises in the ZENTHAIN-
KOENIGSBRUECK area from 27 to 30 September
subsequent return to the posts of RIEB1,
OSNABZ and MEISSEN until mid-October

11th Gds Tank Div

Return to BREITEN and, presumably, also
to MEISSEN during the first half of
October

Second Gds Mech Army

31st AAA Div

at the post ☐ October)

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2d Light Arty
Brig

Returned from Camp SPEC in 5 shipments
of ☐ October; elements in JUEBROG from
8 to 10 October in 2 shipments

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90th RL Regt (US) Elements in FUERNBERG in 1 shipment from 8 to 10 October; later at the post (October) 25X1

88th Engr Regt At the post (October) 25X1

9th Gds Tank Div At the posts of NEUSTRELITZ, NIENHARDEN AND FUERNBERG during the second half of October

12th Gds Tank at the posts of NEURUPPIN and FUERNBERG during the second half of October

1st Mecz Div Units involved in practices near the post in October

Third Gds Mecz Army 62d AAA Div (US) At the post (early October)

199th Light Arty Brig Assumed at the post (October)

14th Gds Mecz Div The bulk assumed stationed in Justerbo after mid-October

9th Mecz Div Return of the majority of the units to GOTTUS and LUBSEN from FORST TAUER from 8 to 15 October; the 80th Gds Hvy Tank Bn Regt and the 1719th AAA Regt may have remained in FORST TAUER or, after 12 October, in ZOSSEN ?; barracks installations at BRACHHAUSEN still under construction; combat firing continued at WEISSHABER until late October

5th Gds Tank Div Heavy elements in WITTENBERG (mid-October); after 20 October, probably return to WITTENBERG from WERDER-MARKENDORF of rear elements.

7th Gds Tank Div One third of the division engaged in field exercises of the IX Mz Rifle Corps from 27 to 30 September; from 2 to 5 October, return movement of the division from the area of LETZLING HEATH to the posts of ROSSLAU and ZERBST in 34 to 36 shipments; small exercises may have subsequently been conducted in the DESSAU area; the division vacated Camp GROSSKUEHNAU in early October

Fourth Gds Mecz Army

63d AAA Div (US) Elements at practices of the 10th Gds Tank Div in the area of LETZLING HEATH from 27 to 30 September, with 1 shipment from FUERNBERG; all divisional units in FUERNBERG on 24 October; elements from FUERNBERG participate in maneuvers of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in mid-October.

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71st Light
Army Brig (US)

Elements engaged in exercises of the
10th Gds Tank Div in the area of the
LETZLING HEATH in 1 shipment from 27
to 30 September; return from TE PLIN
to BERNAU in 3 shipments on []
October

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312th Gds RI. Regt

At the post [] October)

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3d Engr Regt

Assured at the post (mid-October)

6th Gds Mech Div

Elements engaged in practices in the
area south of TE PLIN and north of
BERLIN from 2 to 5 October; the bulk
of the units was subsequently at the
posts of EBERSWALDE, BERNAU and BAD
FRIEDENWALDE; one reinforced mechanized
regiment in East Berlin.

7th Gds Mech Div

Final evacuation of the LIEBEROSE area
in early October; subsequently,
field exercises of units of the
division in the area of PUSCHENWALDE-
MAGDEBURG/Oder; quarters of the division
only partially occupied about 20 October;
one reinforced mechanized regiment in
East-Berlin in mid-October.

25th Tank Div

Exercises of the division in the area
south of TE PLIN and north of BERLIN
from 2 to 5 October; subsequently,
return to the posts of GRANIENBURG,
BRENZLAU and VOGELSAU which latter
was occupied by the 111th Tank Regt

10th Gds Tank Div

Participated in exercises of the IX
Itz Rifle Corps in the area of LETZLING
HEATH from 27 to 30 September;
subsequently, 27 shipments went to
KRAHNITZ between 30 September and 8
October and 9 shipments to BRANDENBURG
from 5 to 7 October; the 63d Gds Tank
Regt transferred from BRANDENBURG to
KRAHNITZ in 5 shipments on [] October

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